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TO:

THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE:

December 31, 2013

RE:

NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. - APPLICATION FOR

APPROVAL OF ITS BILL ESTIMATION TARIFF (DOCKET NO. E-01787A-11-

0186)

On April 29, 2011, Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC") filed an Application for General Rate Increase in Docket No. E-01787A-11-0186. On July 30, 2012, the Commission issued Decision No. 73255 which, in part, ordered NEC to file a separate tariff describing its bill estimation methodologies. Pursuant to Decision No. 73255, on October 29, 2012, NEC filed its bill estimation tariff, Schedule No. E, Bill Estimation Methodologies Tariff ("Schedule E"), for Commission approval.

NEC's proposed Schedule E describes bill estimation procedures that include, but are not limited to, methodologies for estimating energy usage (kWh), demand usage (kW), and time-ofuse billing parameters for both energy and demand usage. Bill estimations are required when actual meter reads are not attainable.

NEC's proposed Schedule E meets the requirements of A.A.C. R14-2-210 "Billing and Collection." Staff has reviewed NEC's proposed Schedule E and finds it to be similar to other bill estimation tariffs approved by the Commission.

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### Staff's Recommendations

Staff recommends that NEC's proposed Schedule E be approved.

Staff further recommends that NEC file tariff pages for Schedule E consistent with the terms of the Decision in this case within 15 days from the effective date of the Decision.

Steven M. Olea

Director

**Utilities Division** 

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ORIGINATOR: Rick Lloyd

#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1 2 **BOB STUMP** Chairman 3 **GARY PIERCE** Commissioner 4 **BRENDA BURNS** Commissioner 5 **BOB BURNS** Commissioner SUSAN BITTER SMITH 6 Commissioner 7 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NO. E-01787A-11-0186 8 **NAVOPACHE** ELECTRIC) 9 COOPERATIVE, INC FOR APPROVAL OF) DECISION NO. ITS BILL ESTIMATION TARIFF 10 ORDER 11 12 13 Open Meeting 14 January 14 and 15, 2014 Phoenix, Arizona 15 BY THE COMMISSION: 16 FINDINGS OF FACT 17 Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC") is certificated to provide electric 1. 18 service as public service corporations in the state of Arizona. 19 Background 20 On April 29, 2011, NEC filed an Application for General Rate Increase in Docket 2. 21 No. E-01787A-11-0186. On July 30, 2012, the Commission issued Decision No. 73255 which, in 22 part, ordered NEC to file a separate tariff describing its bill estimation methodologies. Pursuant to 23 Decision No. 73255, on October 29, 2012, NEC filed its bill estimation tariff, Schedule No. E, Bill 24 Estimation Methodologies Tariff ("Schedule E"), for Commission approval. 25 NEC's proposed Schedule E describes bill estimation procedures that include, but 3. 26 are not limited to, methodologies for estimating energy usage (kWh), demand usage (kW), and 27 28

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1 **ORDER** IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed 2 3 Schedule No. E, Bill Estimation Methodologies Tariff be and hereby is approved as discussed herein. 4 5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file tariff pages for Schedule E consistent with the terms of this Decision within 15 days from the effective 6 7 date of the Decision. 8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. 9 BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 10 11 12 CHAIRMAN **COMMISSIONER** 13 14 15 COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER **COMMISSIONER** 16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director 17 of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be 18 affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014. 19 20 21 JODI JERICH 22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 23 DISSENT: 24 25 DISSENT: 26 SMO:RBL:sms 27 28

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